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## US Republicans suffer labor union, abortion setbacks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US voters have dealt President Barack Obama's Republican foes setbacks on labor and abortion rights in a series of bitterly fought off-year elections that could shape his November 2012 bid for a new term.

In Ohio, historically a decisive state in US presidential elections, voters on Tuesday overwhelmingly overturned a Tea Party-driven law restricting the collective bargaining power of public-sector unions, key Democratic allies.

Obama's allies also scored a win in the Republican-leaning Bible Belt state of Kentucky, where centrist Democratic Governor Steve Beshear romped to reelection by a 20-point margin over his Republican challenger.

Beshear's triumph, as well as incumbent victories in mayoral contests across the country, cast doubt on the power of what polls have shown to be deep nationwide anger against officeholders -- including Obama.

Republicans also suffered a stinging defeat in conservative

Mississippi, where voters easily rejected a draconian anti-abortion measure that would have given full legal rights to embryos at the moment of conception.

Democrats and abortion rights activists had noted that the so-called "personhood" measure would criminalize abortion even in cases of rape and incest and ban some birth-control measures.

At the same time, Mississippi voters elected Republican Phil Bryant to succeed outgoing Governor Haley Barbour - and Bryant had been quoted as telling supporters that "Satan wins" if the measure failed.

In Arizona's first-ever "recall" of a sitting lawmaker, voters ousted senate president Russell Pearce, chief author of the state's controversial law to crack down on undocumented immigration, replacing him with a fellow Republican.

It was unclear how much of a role the law, which made international headlines when it was adopted and again when a federal judge blocked parts of it, played in Pearce's removal.

## Special Olympics Aruba National Games 2011 begin today

Arturo Werleman, Director of the SVGA, the Foundation for the Mentally Challenged, and President of the Aruba Special Olympics Committee was joined by Karel Williams in announcing the commencement of 4 days of competitions beginning this evening at the Piedra Plat Entertainment Center with the ritual torch run and lighting at 6:00 PM.

A gala opening ceremony is planned, and the Aruba Special Olympics Committee urges all the community to come and cheer on their athletes who returned from the World Sum-



**Special olympics committee with badminton athlete Roger**



mer Games in Athens, Greece earlier this year with several gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Participation in annual national games is a requirement for athletes to qualify for the world games every four years, and the support and encouragement of the community helps spur the athletes on and motivates them" explained Mr. Werleman in his plea to islanders to attend and take an interest.

The schedules of competitions are:

**Tomorrow, November 11, 10:00 AM:** Softball at Ripoldo Croes Field in Piedra Plat

**Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM to Noon:** Table Tennis and Bacci Ball

**Noon to 3:00 PM Badminton:** All in the SVGA headquarters Gym Piedra Plat

**Sunday: November 13, 9:00 Am to Noon:** Soccer at

of the Special Olympics, as well as the community of Piedra Plat, where most of the activities are centered.

For more information regarding the upcoming games, contact Karel or Netty at phone numbers: 593-9188 or 742-3306, respectively.

*by Rosalie Klein*



Brittania Field in Piedra Plat  
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## Paseo Herencia honors Aruban athletes from the Dutch National Baseball Team

It was a very proud moment for Holland and Aruba when the Dutch National Team made baseball history in Panama in mid-October by winning the World Cup of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). It was the first time since 1938 that a European team had taken the title, wresting it from the powerhouse team of Cuba, which had remained undefeated for the past 26 years.

Considered the top team in Europe and sixth in the world by the IBAF, the Netherlands Team boasts quite a few excellent players originating from Aruba and Curacao, where baseball is an exalted sport. Aruba has some excellent players in Little League, such as this year's Caribbean Champions, Junior League-last year and this year's Latin Regional Champions and Senior League which won the 2010 World Series and this year's Latin Regional Championships.

Three Aruban players were on the field in Panama for the victory, Xander Bogaerts, (shortstop) Shawn Zarraga (catcher) and Dwayne Kemp. Shawn and Xander are in Aruba at present to participate in a fundraising softball exhibition game later this month, and Paseo Herencia Mall took this opportunity to enshrine their images on the "Wall of Fame"



**Xander Bogaerts and family**

that has a special place in the corridors of the shopping center. Dwayne is living in Holland, so was unable to attend.

Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, joined the Paseo Herencia management in honoring the two young players who have again put Aruba in the international spotlight for exceptional achievement. The Minister and Paseo Herencia appreciate the role models



**Xander signs a bat for a fan**

these young men and others present to island youth; an example to what can be achieved with determination, dedication and discipline.

Both talented athletes were spotted early in their careers by baseball scouts from the U.S. Shawn was offered a full scholarship to attend Trinity Christian Academy boarding school in Lake Worth, Florida when he was only 13, originally as a pitcher. After completing high school, he attended one year at the University of North Carolina in Georgia on a full baseball scholarship, but decided to sign with the Milwaukee Brewers and go pro. Xander was



**Shawn Zarraga with Minister and proud family**



**With Benjamin Security and Infinity Sportshop team**

scouted from Aruba by the Boston Red Sox after being spotted in a number of Senior League games by scouts.

Both are quite young and

have yet to make an appearance in "The Show," but certainly proved themselves against Cuba last month.

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## Aruba turning a new chapter in the care of retirees of the future: with a new Pension Program

ORANJESTAD -- After being scrutinized and carefully adjusted by the General Advise Council, the newly presented law proposal on general pension is now on the desk of our Parliament. It is expected that Parliament will attend to this law expeditiously and have it ready for implementation on January 1st, 2012. This means that as of January 2012 all employers and employees will begin contributing to a pension program for all persons employed in the private sector. This will be an obligatory pension to which all employers must adhere.

Mr. Diego Frankel, Direc-

tor of one of Aruba's largest insurance companies -- Fatum, observed that Aruba will be the third country in the world with such an obligatory pension program!

At this moment practically everyone in Aruba is depending entirely on the AOV (old age pension program) when they reach retirement age. For a married couple this means a stipend of Fls.1700 per month, and for a single person that amount is Fls.1100 per month. These amounts, obviously, will never suffice in these difficult and expensive times. These persons could never have an acceptable quality of life on

such a meager income. The sad consequence of this meager sustenance is that many of our seniors, rather than enjoying their retirement are forced to find work to make ends meet. Others depend on family to help them financially.

Hence, by any standard, this new law will be a very welcome matter for all citizens.

According to the Prime Minister of Aruba, "an agreement of this nature during such difficult times as we are currently in is an expression of our love for our neighbor now and for the future."

## Evacuations ordered as record storm blasts Alaska

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Residents were ordered to evacuate as a massive storm pounded the rural western coast of Alaska yesterday with hurricane-force gusts and severe coastal flooding, US meteorologists said.

The storm, some 600-800 miles across, was "record or near record," said Bob Fisher, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Fairbanks, adding that the storm threat had not yet reached its peak.

"There have been some mandatory evacuations of some very low lying areas in Nome," a city near the far northwestern tip of the US state, across the Bering Sea from Russia's Far East.

One entire village, Gullivan, east of Nome, has been evacuated to higher ground, he told AFP, adding that winds were gusting up to 70 miles per hour.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the sparsely populated western coast, and Alaska's main population centers, including Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks, are far from the path of the storm.

Fisher added that the storm was probably the biggest since 1974, but it was difficult to compare -- the current storm was unusual in that it was threatening land as well as sea.

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## Cas Animal Cont'd The puppies are out of the bag!



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Foundation Cas Animal, which rescues stray and abused animals, has a crop of new puppies in need of good homes. They came to the shelter of Kiki Arndt, founder and single volunteer, by way of a laminated bag in which they had been stuffed and transported in Aruba's heat. As you can imagine, Kiki's heart when to seven puppies bundled into this bag, in which they had been left long enough for their waste material to accumulate.

Five puppies have survived, and are now in the midst of getting their shots; they are ready to be welcomed into loving homes. They are lively and sweet, ready to provide a bundle of love to a worthy family that will not just consider them

a cute Christmas present for the kids, to be ignored and abandoned when they grow up.



Kiki has been rescuing stray and injured dogs and cats around Aruba for 14 years now. Those interested in adopting a puppy or one of the more than 100 stray or abandoned dogs and cats Kiki cares for can do so by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732 or to make a donation or report an animal in need of assistance, as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. Donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you wish to adopt a dog, Kiki will assist you in the process, as it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think. If not one of the many she has needing a good home, than perhaps a lovable stray you may have befriended on the beach or streets.

Donations also go towards the realization of a proper facility on land which Kiki has already been awarded by the government. It is designed to comfortably house over 200 dogs plus cats and other animals, with an on-site clinic.

You can follow our series of articles about Cas Animal and become a fan on Facebook.

by Rosalie Klein

## Paseo Herencia honors...

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**With the White Sharks team**



The unveiling of their pictures was accompanied by the awarding of trophies from Minister Dr. Visser; proud family and friends enjoyed the ceremony performed in the Plaza Padu, as did three mini and Little League teams, Infinity, Benjamin Security and White Sharks. Young players were thrilled to meet their heroes to have them auto-

graph hats, shirts and bats, which Shawn and Xander were happy to do. "We are very proud of our young players and to add their pictures to our wall," comment Paseo GM Valerie Pietertz-Camacho "they are an inspiration for all of us who love baseball in Aruba...and there are many!"

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## US predicts return to Caribbean drug trafficking routes

A State Department official predicts that over the next few years traffickers will increasingly return to using the Caribbean to smuggle drugs into the U.S.

Over the last few years increased law enforcement presence and higher interdictions along the U.S.-Mexico border have caused drug traffickers to look for alternative routes. According to assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement, William Brownfield, a return to the Caribbean routes, which have close proximity to supply, transit and consuming countries, would be the most logical decision for these organizations.

The Caribbean was used to ship the majority of cocaine consumed in the United States in the 1970s and 1980s. As authorities cracked down on smuggling along this maritime passageway, however, drug traffickers shifted operations to overland routes via Mexico.

Brownfield also warned that technological innovations -- like the increasingly sophisticated submersibles and semi-submersibles used to traffic drugs out of South America -- make interdiction more difficult and demonstrate the need for more comprehensive anti-narcotics policies.

## ATIA looks back on fantastic Gala event

ORANJESTAD -- Last Friday the 2011 Corporate Gala Dinner of the Aruba Trade & Industry Association took place in the Ballroom Resort & Casino. The audience was replete with business people, executives and individuals who were interested in networking with the various Brazilians present. The gala event was decorated to the theme of Brazil. As a matter of fact, the entire program had a Brazilian appeal.

For the official opening of the evening, a rendition of the Brazilian anthem was sung which was followed by the Aruba Dushi Tera...the Aruban anthem. Aruba Bank executive representative Marecelline Richardson opened the event with words of welcome. Aruba Bank was a diamond sponsor for the event. Later chairman of the Board of ATIA spoke about the developments on Aruba and of the different pioneers who paid a pivotal role in steering Aruba to where

we are today. The Chairman indicated that together with other countries, like Brazil, Aruba can create more opportunities and innovation to embark on more advanced economies with advanced industries. He asserted that Aruba needs more pioneers to attract new investments and progress.

A spectacular show of Capoeira by the Abada Group followed the speeches. The group's presentation was very captivating. Capoeira is a Brazilian art which is combined with martial arts, athletics and music.

Roberto G. Da Fonseca, Executive Director of the International Affairs and Foreign Trade commercial association (FIESP) was the keynote speaker. Da Fonseca delivered a captivating speech in which he provided some statistics of the development in Brazil, which illustrated the booming and ever growing stable economy of Brazil. He highlighted

the fact that Brazil can offer many possibilities for the Caribbean region. Da Fonseca also pointed to Aruba's strategic advantages where Aruba can serve as a hub between Sao Paulo and other destinations.

Aruba's ties with Europe via the Netherlands are another factor which makes Aruba such an interesting destination to explore, according to Da Fonseca. For both small and large businesses Brazil can be a very interesting partner, and he is convinced that Aruba should focus on diversification and innovation. ...and that Brazil is a perfect example of this. Aruban commerce, he asserted, must work on maintaining the agreements made between Brazil, Aruba and the Caribbean region so that together we can explore new markets.

The evening would not have been complete with the Samba Brazilian dance, a dance which originated in Rio

de Janeiro. Later Aruba's own Robert Y Su Solo Banda Show delighted everyone with their majestic dance music, which carried on into the late hours of the night.

ATIA presented Da Fonseca with a wonderful token of their appreciation for his contribution to the event. This was a painting created that evening by local artist Elvis Tromp.

For this gala event ATIA boasted the kind sponsorship of 12 gold sponsors and one diamond sponsor. The support of sponsors, according to ATIA, was a clear evidence of the importance of Brazil for Aruba's commerce. Among the sponsors were: Aruba Bank as primary sponsor-Diamond sponsor, gold sponsors -- SETAR N.V., Freezone Aruba, Fast Delivery Services, Total Services, Albo Aruba, Manrique Capriles, Romar Trading, Fatum, American Home, Deloitte & Touche, Aruba Airport Authority and Valero



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## Police to wrest control of Rio's biggest drug-infested slum

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Police yesterday wrested control of Rio de Janeiro's biggest favela from drug traffickers as the city prepares to host the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics and a local drug baron threw a big party to bid farewell.

At dawn, about 50 men from the military police's crack special forces blocked a road leading to the Rocinha slum to search all incoming vehicles. No incidents were reported.

Built on a steep hillside overlooking the "Marvellous City" and located between two wealthy neighborhoods, Rocinha is home to 120,000 people and is a drug trafficking bastion.

Police said Rocinha is the 19th favela to be ridden of traffickers who have been in control for the past 30 years. The neighboring Vidigal shantytown is also expected to be pacified soon.

Since 2008, authorities in Rio, which has one of the highest murder rates in the country, have been in a race to restore security in the city before the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics which Brazil will host.

Local press reports and some residents said police were expected to make their move Sunday. But a security spokesman said: "We do not disclose ahead of time when police pacification units move"

into the favelas. He said police actions over the past two days were "routine operations".

Their aim, according to the daily O Dia, was to "snuff out drug trafficking" before the assault by security forces backed by commandos.

In another sign that the police assault was imminent, local drug baron Antonio Francisco Bomfim Lopes, also known as Nem, on Sunday gave a farewell party and imposed a curfew on Rocinha.

## Occupy Wall Street starts march on Washington



NEW YORK (AFP) - A ragtag, but enthusiastic group of Occupy Wall Street protestors, one of them not even wearing shoes, set off from New York Wednesday on a two-week march to Washington, DC.

Monitored at every step by police, two dozen activists filed aboard a ferry leaving Manhattan to cross the River Hudson to New Jersey and begin their ambitious protest march.

The marchers hope to arrive in the capital by November 23 in time to protest the meeting of a congressional committee set to decide whether or not to extend tax cuts that the protestors claim help only the very rich.

## France hails police dog with 1,700 arrests under its collar

BORDEAUX -- A French police dog credited with sniffing out 1,700 drug suspects was decorated yesterday with a medal for bravery and dedication at a ceremony in the southwestern city of Bordeaux.

Aldo, a Belgian Malinois sheepdog, has been behind 1,700 arrests since he started working for the Bordeaux police department in 2006 -- almost one a day -- and 475 arrests this year alone.

"Aldo is a police dog with an absolutely remarkable career," said regional police chief Patrick Stefanini.



Photo above shows Aldo at the Bordeaux city hall.

## Online critic of drug violence beheaded in Mexico

NUEVO LAREDO (AFP) - A man who moderated a website denouncing drug violence on Mexico's northeast border was found beheaded yesterday, local police said, in the fourth such apparent revenge attack since September.

Police found the decapitated, tortured body in Nuevo Laredo city alongside a message referring to his alleged activities on anti-crime website 'Nuevo Laredo en Vivo.'

The message said he was killed for "failing to understand I must not report on social networks."

Local police, who refused to be named, identified the

man by his online name, 'Rascatipas,' or 'Fiddler,' but there was no immediate official comment.

A journalist who posted on the same website was found decapitated in September, two weeks after a man and woman were found hanging from a bridge in the same city with similar threats.

Press freedom groups have condemned growing attacks and killings of people who use social networks to share information in violent areas of Mexico where traditional media no longer dare to report on relentless drug-related violence.



Picture above shows the 2011 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree which was cut down yesterday morning in Mifflinville, Pa. It is a 74-foot-high Norway Spruce from the yard of the Keller family.

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## First euthanasia in the Netherlands of severe dementia victim

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A woman with advanced Alzheimer's disease has been euthanised in the Netherlands, a first in a country that requires patients to be fully mentally alert to request to die, activists said yesterday.

The 64-year-old woman died in March after being sick "for a very long time," said a spokesman for the Right to Die-NL (NVVE) group.

She had insisted "for several years" that she wanted to be euthanised, added spokesman Walburg de Jong.

"It is really a very important step -- before, patients dying by euthanasia were at really very early stages of dementia, which was not the case with this woman," de Jong said.

Euthanasia is allowed in the Netherlands only if the patient suffers intolerable pain due to an illness diagnosed as incurable by a doctor. The patient must give authorisation while in full control of his mental faculties.

"This is also a message for doctors since they often refuse to euthanise people in advanced stages of dementia even though they have expressly asked for it," de Jong said.

The Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalise euthanasia in April 2002.

Each euthanasia case is reported to one of five special commissions, each made up of a doctor, a jurist and an ethical expert charged with verifying that all required criteria had been respected.

It was not immediately clear whether the case of the woman in question had gone through such a commission.

Dutch courts have in the past jailed people for contravening the criteria for assisted suicide.

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## Tensions as student protesters march in London

LONDON (AFP) - Thousands of students marched through London yesterday against cuts to university funding, facing off against police armed with rubber bullets amid fears of a repeat of violent protests last year.

Police cleared a group of protesters who pitched their tents in the tourist hub of Trafalgar Square, while sticks and bottles were thrown at riot

officers in the financial district, AFP correspondents reported.

Scotland Yard said police had made a number of arrests for public order offences. It said 2,000 protesters were taking part, while the organizers of the demonstration said there were 10,000 people involved.

The situation was tense, with police authorised to use plastic baton rounds if there is

any repetition of last year's violence, when Prime Minister David Cameron's party headquarters was attacked on November 10, 2010.

They are also the biggest protests in London since riots rocked the capital and other English cities in August, leaving five people dead.

"The message this year is the same as last year," Michael

Chessum of the National Campaign against Fees and Cuts told AFP. "Some people think the only way to make their point is by doing things beyond the law. We have students on the way to prevent trouble. But the majority of the violence comes from the police."

Scotland Yard said it had deployed 4,000 officers for the protest to prevent any repeat of

the violent scenes last year during similar marches against cuts to higher education funding and a hike in tuition fees.

The marchers went from the University of London to St Paul's Cathedral in the heart of the financial district, where anti-capitalism protesters inspired by the "Occupy Wall Street" movement have been camping out since mid-October.





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# Christianity's growth divides Mongolians



ULAN BATOR (AFP) - Erdene Otgon Tsagaankhun, one of Mongolia's growing population of young Mormons, has just spent two years trying to spread the word as a missionary -- in the United States.

The 24-year-old is one of around 1,000 young Mongolians the Mormon church has sent to other countries to -- as she puts it -- "go out on the street, in cars, on the bus, and find people to teach about Jesus Christ".

Their existence is a mark of how successful the Mormon church has been at converting young Mongolians since the early 1990s, when the fall of

communism brought religious freedom to the traditionally Buddhist nation.

The political vacuum and economic hardship that followed enabled a number of Christian groups to enter the country, providing aid and English language teaching, an attractive mix in the impoverished country of 2.7 million people.

A 2010 government census found 3.4 percent of Mongolians now claim to be Christian -- a small but growing proportion of the population.

Mongolia's peaceful shift to democracy has led to huge social change as the country has opened up its vast mineral reserves to foreign investors, bringing rapid economic growth that has created a growing divide between rich and poor.

Social commentators say Mongolians are looking to religion to provide meaning to their lives after communism.

"Society suddenly opened up and people are empty. They will believe in anything," Baabar, one of the key figures in the 1990's democratic revolution and a well-known social commentator, told AFP.

Buddhism, Mongolia's official religion, is also enjoying a revival after more than 70

years of socialism, during which thousands of monasteries were destroyed and monks killed during communist purges.

However, Luvsandendev Sumati of Mongolian polling organisation the Sant Maral Foundation said most Mongolians saw Buddhism more as a way of life than a religion.

As a result, he said, it is struggling to compete with the aggressive promotion of Christianity.

"Buddhism cannot fill the vacuum of ideology that emerged," he told AFP. "Ninety percent of Mongolians consider themselves Buddhist, but they don't know what it means."

In a reversal of traditional roles, the Mormon church -- formally known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints -- now recruits missionaries in developing countries including Mongolia to spread the word in the West.

## Scientists find big chink in malaria's armour

PARIS (AFP) - Researchers said Wednesday they had discovered a unique microscopic channel through which malaria parasites must pass to infect red blood cells, a finding that opens up a highly promising target for a vaccine.

The doorway mechanism is common to all known strains of the deadliest mosquito-borne pathogen, *Plasmodium falciparum*, which means that a future vaccine could in theory work against all of them, according to the study published in the journal *Nature*.

The death toll from malaria has declined by a fifth over the last decade, but the disease still claims some 800,000 lives every year, mostly children under five in sub-Saharan Africa.

Up to now, scientists assumed that *P. falciparum* had several options for piercing the defences of blood cells.

But in experiments, Wright and colleagues showed that intrusion depends on the interac-

tion between a specific molecule on the parasite, called a ligand, and a specific receptor on the blood cell.

Blocking this interaction repels the pathogen's attempt to breach the cell's protective wall, they found.

Early results from clinical trials in Africa showed that the world's first malaria vaccine, reported in a study last month, cut infection rates by roughly half. The vaccine, made by the British pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline, works by triggering the immune system.

"These reports are encouraging," said Adrian Hill, a researcher at Oxford's Jenner Institute. "But in the future more effective vaccines will be needed if malaria is ever to be eradicated."

Hill added: "The discovery of a single receptor that can be targeted to stop the parasite infecting red blood cells offers the hope of a far more effective solution."

## Health Tip:

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## Sci-Tech Nuclear energy 'vital' to face energy demand: IEA

- (AFP) Nuclear energy remains vital to cope with rising energy demand, mainly in emerging economies, fight global warming and avert increased damage to the environment, the IEA warned. The IEA also warned that global nuclear generation capacity

could fall by 15.0 percent by 2035 if countries such as Germany and Belgium pressed ahead with cutting their nuclear output in the light of the nuclear accident at Fukushima in Japan in April.

A pullback from nuclear production, amid a rise in de-

mand for energy, was likely to drive countries towards increased use of coal and gas, and therefore to generating extra carbon pollution with a devastating effect on the environment.

The energy independence of nuclear-power producing

countries would also be in danger because their sources of supply would be reduced, the International Energy Agency said.

And the price of non-nuclear sources of energy would rise sharply, the IEA said, forecasting that in any case global oil demand was set to grow by 14.0 percent by 2035, pulled by China and emerging economies.

Oil prices could rise to 120 dollars per barrel, the IEA said in its annual report and it warned that the world had to change the way it was consuming energy.

The IEA said that under its central outlook "scenario", assuming that governments applied their recent commitments in a "cautious manner", then what it termed "primary energy demand"

would increase by one third between 2010 and 2035, with 90 percent of the growth being generated outside the area covered by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The IEA is the energy policy and research arm of the OECD which acts as a policy forum, and manages strategic stockpiles, for advanced economies.

The IEA said that the global fleet of passenger vehicles would double to 1.7 billion cars.

The use of coal, which the IAE said accounted for almost half the use of energy around the world in the last decade, would rise by 65 percent by 2035.

The future of natural gas was more certain with its use catching up to that of coal consumption.

## Russian probe fails to take route for Mars

MOSCOW (AFP) - A Russian probe on a mission to a moon of Mars Wednesday failed to find the right course to the red planet, in a potentially devastating blow to Moscow's hopes of resuming planetary exploration.

The Phobos-Grunt probe blasted off successfully from the Baikonur cosmodrome overnight but did not manage to leave its Earth orbit as planned several hours later to go on its planned trajectory for Mars, the Russian space agency said.

Engineers now have three days to send the probe out to Mars while batteries last. The loss of the probe would be a disaster for Russia, which has not had a single successful planetary mission since the fall of the Soviet Union.

The hugely ambitious mission aimed to place the craft in orbit around Mars, land a probe on the surface of its

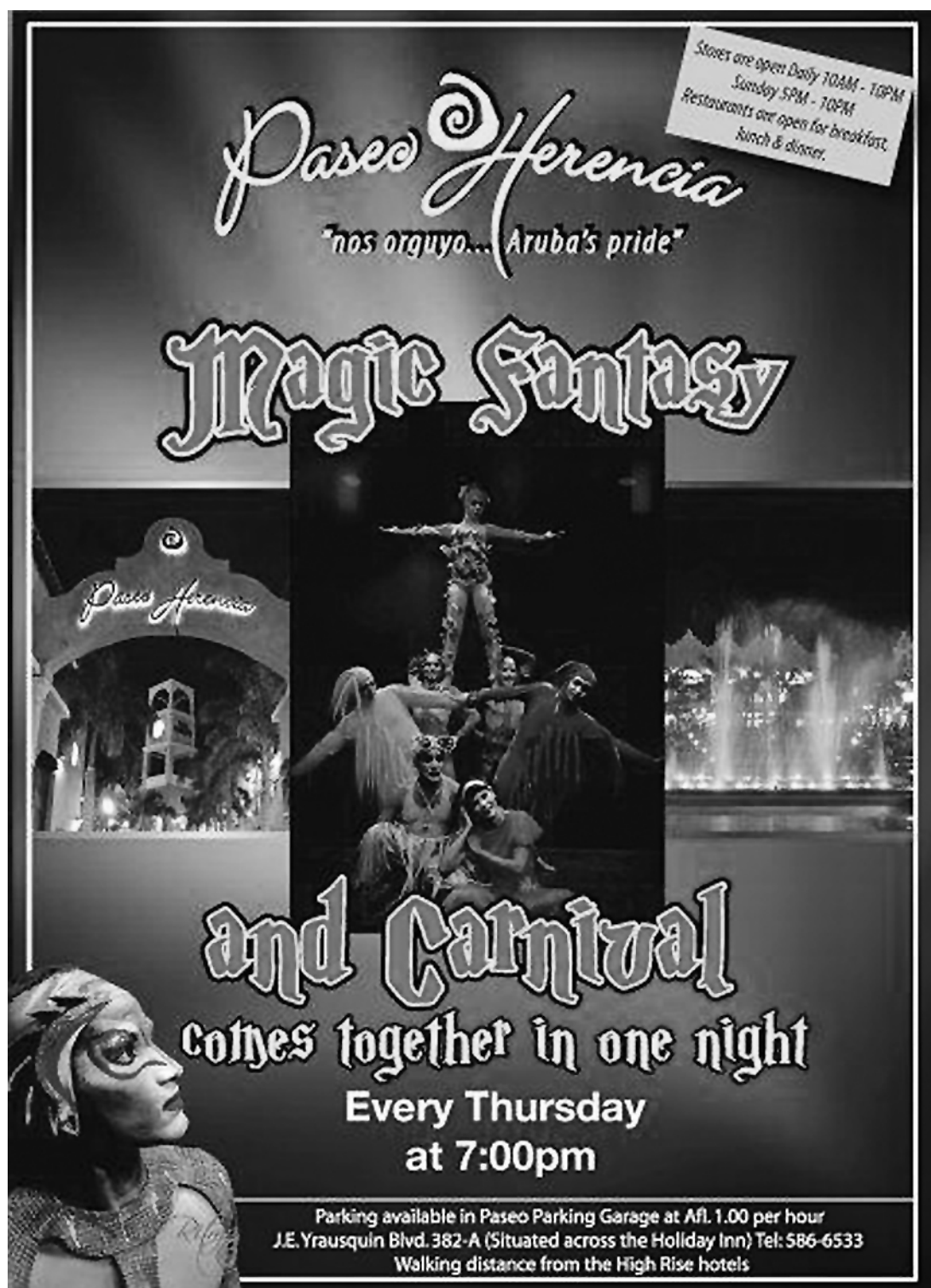
largest moon Phobos, scoop up soil and bring the first ever sample of the Martian satellite back to Earth.

The probe is also carrying a Chinese satellite, Yinghuo-1, which is supposed to go into orbit around Mars in a landmark space cooperation between Moscow and Beijing.

Popovkin said the probe's motors had failed to fire twice to orientate it on a course for Mars and it was still carrying the fuel that would have been used in this manoeuvre.

Engineers will now race against the clock to re-programme the probe to set it off on the right trajectory to Mars.

Even ahead of launch, Popovkin had admitted the mission was a "risk", saying that 90 percent of the craft consisted of completely new equipment as Russia had done almost nothing in planetary exploration for 20 years.



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4. Island visited by Paul
9. Beloved
13. \_\_\_ de la Plata
14. "A Place in the Sun" star
15. Argentine prairie
16. Immunize
18. Barbecue-pit unit
19. Part of Big Bird's address
20. Arabian prince
22. Borden's weapon
23. Dixie soldier
24. Rickey ingredient
26. Love god
28. Curmudgeon's command
30. Like Irish country roads

## DOWN

33. Barnyard biddy
36. Tap-dancer
37. \_\_\_ peek (look illicitly)
38. Gladiator combat locale
40. Summer clock
42. Road curves
43. Hollow out anew
45. Astrologer's concern
47. "Hush up!"
48. Personification of familial affection
49. Trapper's goods
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52. Compass dir.
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56. It ate the rope of Ocnus
58. Poker player's weakness

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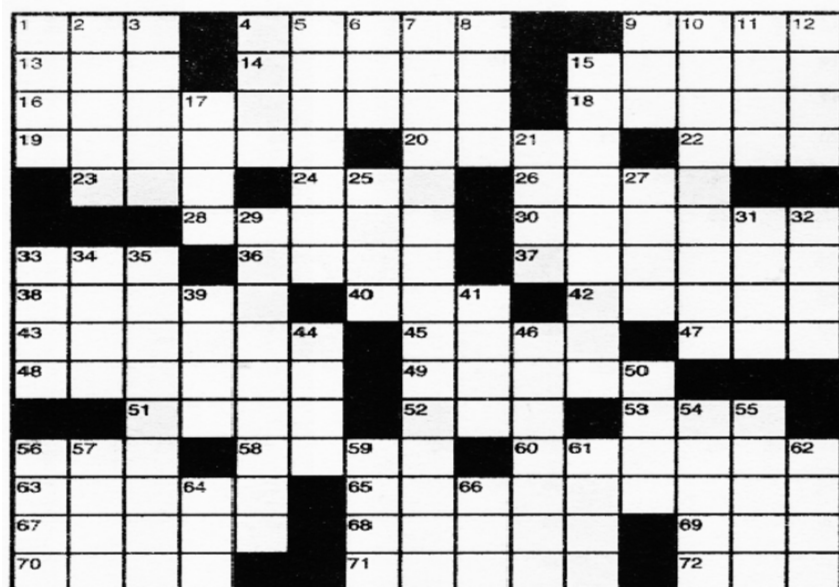
60. Off course
63. Author Norman Vincent
65. Rule out
67. Shortstop's shortcoming
68. Without as much seniority
69. Milieu for Hemingway's Santiago
70. Week links
71. Scents
72. Feathered fisher

## DOWN

1. Goddess of strife
2. Baseballer Ralph
3. Grey \_\_\_ vodka
4. Stagnant pond cover
5. Fast musical tempo
6. Kirshner of

## "Exotica"

7. Like 10 and 35 Down
8. Originate (from)
9. TVA project
10. Fluster
11. Pinnacle
12. Overused eBay adjective
15. Here to stay
17. Members of an airport queue
21. Charleson and Holm of "Chariots of Fire"
25. "\_\_\_ My Village" (Chagall painting)
27. Mines' output
29. Method actor's immersion
31. "It is so and in no other way," to a Choctaw
32. Diluted paint application
33. Guinness symbol
34. "\_\_\_ saw Elba"
35. A must
39. Reminder
41. Laces up
44. Spanish direction
46. Shiny thing
50. Jalopy jaunt
54. Taunt
55. Take in or let out
56. Imitated faithfully
57. Evening, in Roma
59. Chartist poet John Bedford
61. Evergreens
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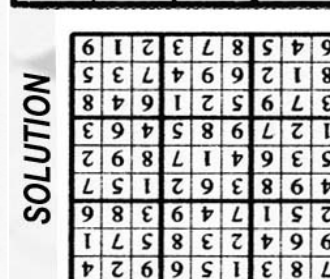
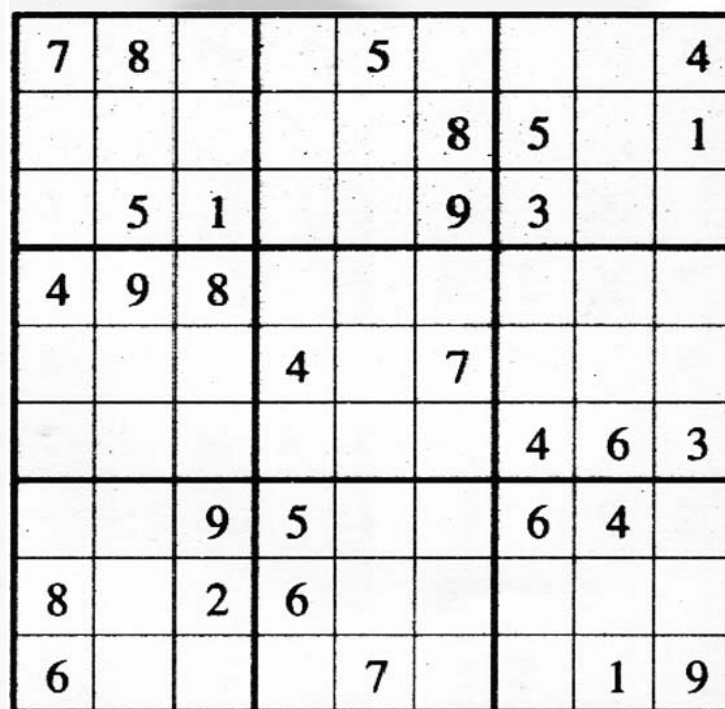
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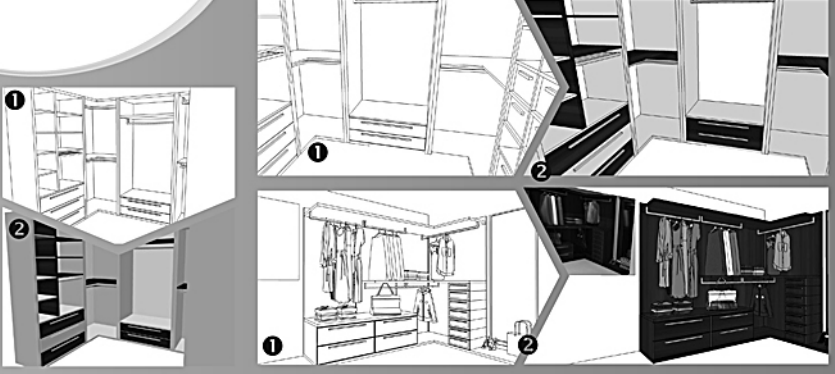
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## GM warns of cuts as Europe hurts profits

CHICAGO (AFP) - Top US automaker General Motors warned of cost cuts and job losses yesterday as Europe's turmoil and trouble in South America took a bite out of profits, which fell 5.9 percent in the third quarter.

Chairman Dan Akerson said that while GM produced a "solid quarter," it's "clear we have a lot more work to do."

"We have challenges in our control and out of our control as we pursue growth around the world," Akerson said in a conference call. "We must and shall continue to work for new ways to reduce complexity and contain cost across the world."

GM, maker of the Chevrolet and Cadillac brands, said net earnings in the quarter to September 30 fell 5.9 percent to \$2.09 billion dollars, compared to \$2.22 billion a year earlier.

On a fully diluted basis, earnings per share fell to \$1.03 from \$1.20 a year earlier.

Revenues were up to \$36.7 billion from \$34.1 billion.

The automaker's once-troubled North American unit is now a major driver of its growth, with earnings up \$70 million to \$2.2 billion in the third quarter as sales and market share continue to climb.

GM also posted solid growth in China, although revenues in its international unit took a hit and earnings were down to \$365 million from \$516 million in the third quarter of 2010.

Its Achilles heel is now Europe, which posted a \$292 million loss, which was nonetheless a big improvement from the \$592 million loss posted a year earlier.

GM cautioned that it will not be able to meet its earnings goals in Europe due to "deteriorating economic conditions" but stopped short of announcing any job cuts there as part of its efforts to slash costs and boost revenue.

## Finance

## European stocks, euro tumble after Berlusconi resignation

LONDON (AFP) - European stocks closed sharply lower yesterday as any early optimism that the resignation of Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi would calm the markets disappeared in a wave of near panic.

Dealers said investors first thought Berlusconi's decision would clear the decks but as it became clearer that Italy faces possibly months of political uncertainty, they decided on safety first and put their money elsewhere.

Italian borrowing rates soared as a result to 7.0 percent and above, levels judged to be unsustainable in the longer term and putting its already

strained public finances under even more pressure.

In the fallout, stock markets stumbled badly and the euro tumbled as investors flocked into safe haven US and German government bonds, seen as the benchmark holdings to have in troubled times.

"The Italian bond market is in distress," said Kathleen Brooks, an analyst at traders Forex.com.

"Although Berlusconi promised to resign after the passage of austerity reforms get through parliament, the bond market may be reacting to the potential for a fractious coalition government getting into power, which could only exacerbate Italy's fiscal situation," she added.

In London, the FTSE-100 index of top companies closed down 1.92 percent at 5,460.38 points. In Paris, the CAC-40 lost 2.17 percent to 3,075.16 points and in Frankfurt the DAX 30 dropped 2.21 percent to 5,829.54 points.

Milan led the losers, falling 3.78 percent after being down more than 4.0 percent at one stage. Madrid, also seen as a possible eurozone debt crisis victim, was down 2.09 percent.

Some analysts said the cri-

sis could be at the tipping point, with Italy too big to bail out given its economy is the third largest in the eurozone, accounting for 20 percent of the bloc's output.

"The bout of pessimism that gripped stocks ... is showing no sign of lessening its grip as the eurozone continues to shuffle its way toward the precipice," said Yusuf Heusen, sales trader at IG Index in London.

Berlusconi's decision "has done nothing to help stem the spiralling rise of Italian bond yields, leading some commentators to suggest that on paper the country is now past the point of being able to be saved," he said.

IHS analysts said "alarm bells are ringing that Italy is perilously close to slipping into insolvency" but they added that they thought Rome could keep its head above water for some months yet.

The acute tensions surrounding Greece and Italy pushed the euro below \$1.36 for the first time in a month to \$1.3598 in late London trade, down sharply from \$1.3836 late in New York on Tuesday. The dollar firmed to 77.76 yen from 77.70 yen. Gold fell to \$1,784 an ounce from \$1,795.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Oscars show producer resigns over gay slur



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US filmmaker Brett Ratner resigned Tuesday as a producer of next year's Oscars show, after making an "unacceptable" anti-gay slur, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts

and Sciences said.

Ratner, director of current box office hit "Tower Heist" -- starring Hollywood veteran Eddie Murphy, who is due to host the Oscars show in February -- submitted his resignation to Academy President Tom Sherak.

"He did the right thing for the Academy and for himself," Sherak said, adding: "Words have meaning, and they have consequences. Brett is a good person, but his comments were unacceptable."

"We all hope this will be an opportunity to raise awareness about the harm that is caused by reckless and insensitive remarks, regardless of the intent," he added, cited in a statement by the Academy.

Ratner, a prolific director and producer whose work also

includes 2006's "X-Men: The Last Stand," made the offending comment at a discussion about "Tower Heist" last week, in response to a question about how he works.

"Rehearsal is for fags," he replied.

The Los Angeles Times commented in a blog: "Ratner not only embarrassed the academy by insulting legions of gay people (who are perhaps the Oscars' last remaining loyal demographic)."

"He also made himself look like even more of an artistic featherweight by making it clear that he views the hard work and preparation that most filmmakers put into their craft -- i.e. rehearsal time -- as being for chumps, not fast-talking smoothies like himself."

## Bollywood film in Tibet flag trouble

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A new Bollywood film has cut a scene showing a "Free Tibet" flag on the orders of India's censor board, sparking protests from the exiled Tibetan community.

"Rockstar", directed by Imtiaz Ali, ran into trouble over the scene which shows fans waving the flag as the male lead, played by popular actor Ranbir Kapoor, sings the song "Saada Haq" (Our Right).

The song was shot at the Tibetan Norbulingka monastery in McLeod Ganj, a town in the foothills of the Himalayas that is home to the Tibet government in exile in India and the Dalai Lama.

"Ali has made the deletions, affording the film a U/A (under

adult supervision) rating," the Times of India reported Wednesday quoting the chief executive of the Indian censor board, Pankaja Thakur.

Beijing is extremely sensitive to any activity seen as "anti-China" and the presence of the Dalai Lama and the large Tibetan exile community in India is a constant irritant in relations between Asia's future superpowers.

The red and blue flag featuring a rising sun is a symbol of Tibetan resistance to Chinese rule.

Angry Tibetan activists in India said they would stage rallies across the country to protest the censor's decision to cut the scene.

"It is extremely disturbing

that such a grotesque violation of free speech is occurring in the world's largest democracy," said Dorjee Tseten, the country director of Students for a Free Tibet, in a website post.

Tseten also accused the Indian government of "caving in" to Chinese pressure instead of promoting and protecting the Tibetan people's basic human rights.

Ali, regarded as one of the most talented Bollywood directors with two back-to-back hits under his belt, denied taking any political stand in the film.

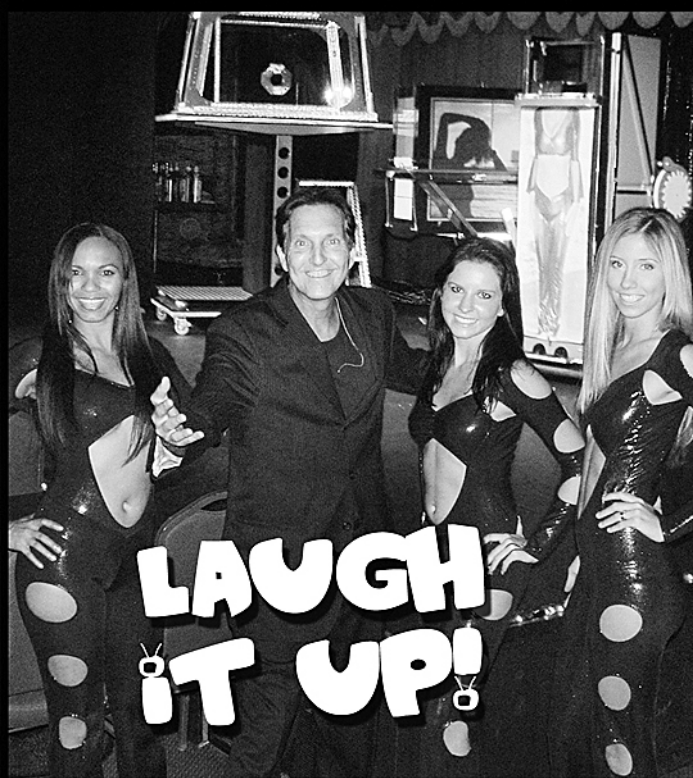
The film's music, composed by the Oscar-winning A.R. Rahman, is already topping the charts.

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## Cousteau son to make new undersea films

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The son of pioneering undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau is planning a new documentary series about oceanic life aimed at promoting conservation.

The series, to be entitled "Ocean Alive", will consist of 12 documentary films and a feature. Cousteau hopes to film all of them in 3D.

"We will help the audience to discover the beauty of the waters off California, and through them the challenges facing humanity in the conservation of the oceans," Cousteau told AFP on Tuesday.

The documentaries, which are still at the financing stage, would be broadcast first on California public television

KCET and then distributed internationally.

Cousteau hopes the films will motivate viewers to be "better stewards of the marine ecosystem. Because if there is no water there is no life."

Cousteau, who lives in Santa Barbara, north of Los Angeles, heads the Ocean Futures Society, an organization committed to oceanic research and conservation.

Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1910-1997) pioneered undersea exploration and photography, producing over 100 documentaries and 50 books about oceanic life and the impact of human activities on the fragile marine environment.



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The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

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## Elton John offers support to homeless women in Ukraine



KIEV (AFP) - British pop star Elton John announced plans in Kiev on Wednesday to support a project in Ukraine to provide young homeless women with access to HIV testing as well as social support and medical

care.

The singer's Elton John AIDS Foundation will give technical and expert support to the project, its Ukrainian partner, the ANTI-AIDS Foundation, said in a statement.

"It's crucial for victory over HIV/AIDS all over the world - to protect young girls and women who are living on the streets," Elton John was quoted as saying in a statement by the ANTI-AIDS Foundation.

"They are highly vulnerable to HIV, and the goal of our project is to find new ways to help them."

The Ukrainian foundation is headed by Olena Pinchuk, wife of Ukrainian tycoon Viktor Pinchuk and daughter of former President Leonid Kuchma. It said it would donate \$450,000 to the project.

Up to 100,000 children and young people are living on the streets in Ukraine, most of them in big cities, the ANTI-AIDS Foundation said.

The singer played a concert in Kiev on Tuesday as part of a tour of Eastern Europe.

In 2009, he tried to adopt a young Ukrainian boy with HIV from an orphanage but was turned down by the authorities.

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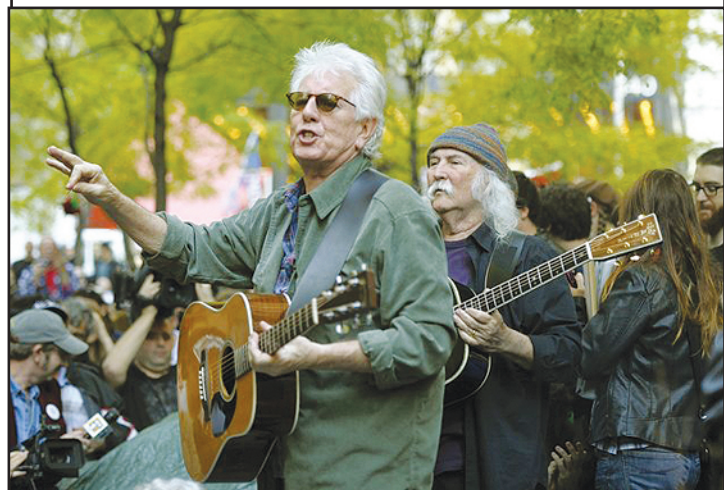
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## Tennis: Monfils out but heavyweights roll through in Paris



Andy Murray of the United Kingdom returns the ball to Jeremy Chardy of France.

PARIS(AFP) - Gael Monfils' dreams of a first Paris Masters crown were dashed by Feliciano Lopez on Wednesday, after Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Roger Federer had all cruised into the third round.

Home favourite Monfils, the eighth seed, was a losing finalist at the last two tournaments but got no further than the second round at Bercy Arena this year after he fell 6-3, 6-4 to Spanish left-hander Lopez.

Monfils' defeat also ended his slim hopes of reaching the ATP Tour Finals in London later this month, as he needed to win the tournament to stand

any chance of qualifying.

"I wouldn't say it was a bad season, but it wasn't superb either," reflected Monfils. "The main disappointment is my incapacity to play the whole year round (due to injuries).

Top seed Djokovic's participation in the event he won in 2009 had been cast into doubt by the recurrence of a shoulder injury, but he had too much for Croatian Ivan Dodig in a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

The world number one succumbed to only his fourth defeat of the year against Kei Nishikori in the semi-finals of last week's Swiss Indoors and he showed signs of rustiness in the first set here, double-faulting twice and producing 10 unforced errors.

A sublime behind-the-back forehand early in the second set proved he was finding his rhythm, however, and he closed out victory to set up an encounter with 15th-seeded compatriot Viktor Troicki.

"It's obvious that I'm still not on top of my game, but I'm taking things quite slowly, knowing that the form will improve each day that I play," said Djokovic.

Second seed Murray had to withdraw from the Swiss Indoors with a buttock muscle strain but he showed no ill-effects in a 6-2, 6-4 defeat of

France's Jeremy Chardy.

The world number three, who won three consecutive tournaments in Asia last month and is on a 17-match unbeaten streak, now finds his route to the quarter-finals barred by number 13 seed Andy Roddick.

Murray has a 7-3 career record against the American, and prevailed in straight sets when they met on grass in the semi-finals at Queen's Club in June this year.

"It was good, but I can definitely play better and it'll be a tough match tomorrow (Thursday)," said Murray.

"(Roddick) is a very good competitor, so he always makes it tough. He has a big serve and is pretty consistent from the back of the court, so you have to be patient against him and dictate the games when you get a chance.

Third seed Roger Federer enjoyed a similarly straightforward afternoon, defeating Adrian Mannarino of France 6-2, 6-3.

The great Swiss has never been beyond the last four at this event and he will have to contend with stylish home favourite Richard Gasquet, the 16th seed, in the third round.

"I always enjoy playing against any French guy, because they're good shot-makers," said Federer, who lost to Gasquet at the Rome Masters in May but beat him at Bercy last year.

American number one Mardy Fish closed to within one win of a berth at the ATP Tour Finals by thrashing Germany's Florian Mayer 6-1, 6-2, but ninth seed Nicolas Almagro's hopes of qualifying for the year-end event were dashed by a straight-sets loss to Andreas Seppi.

Spanish fourth seed David Ferrer set up a third-round clash with Ukrainian 14th seed Alexandr Dolgoplov by defeating Frenchman Nicolas Mahut 6-4, 6-4.

## Asian major-winner ditches coach for YouTube



SINGAPORE (AFP) - Asia's only major-winner Y.E. Yang said Wednesday he had stopped using a coach and is instead picking up tips from YouTube as he bids to recover his best form.

The South Korean star said he had been trying to improve his swing by consulting the video-sharing site since splitting with his coach during last season.

But he admitted the change in tack may be to blame for a barren spell with zero wins so far this year.

"I've researched quite a few players, tried to emulate some of the good things that I see on YouTube. The swing plane, how I grab my club... those are probably the biggest changes.

"I've put more focus on


the technical aspects of my game whereas previously I've been more of a feel player."

Yang said he was happy with his progress despite being on course for his worst season since 2008, the year before he made history by winning the 2009 PGA Championship.

Yang is winless since last year's Korean Open, which was his second victory of the 2010 season. In 2009 he won the Honda Classic alongside his epochal PGA Championship triumph.

Yang, 39, also backed South Korea's bid to host the 2015 Presidents Cup, and said the presence of three Korean players in this year's edition showed they could match the runaway success of the country's women.





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## Bautista replaces Simoncelli at Team Gresini



PARIS (AFP) - Spanish rider Alvaro Bautista has been selected as the replacement for the late Marco Simoncelli Team Gresini announced on Wednesday.

Simoncelli, 24, was killed during the Malaysian MotoGP on October 23 after coming off his bike and being hit by two riders behind him.

Bautista, 26, has so far failed to repeat the success he enjoyed in the 125cc and 250cc categories, being crowned 125cc world champion in 2006, and with 16 GP victories to his credit.

However, having been signed by Suzuki for he has failed to even gain a podium finish in 16 MotoGP over two seasons, which has seen him admittedly been hampered by injuries.

Despite this his new team manager Fausto Gresini believes that Bautista will fulfil his potential.

"He is a very fast rider and I also hold him in high regard for his personality," Gresini told gresiniracing.com.

"I am sure that he will integrate swiftly into our group and that we will enjoy some pleasant experiences together

in the future," added Gresini, who dissolved into tears last Sunday after one of his riders Michele Pirro won the final Moto2 race of the season in Valencia.

Bautista, whose season ended disappointingly as his crash at the first corner of the Valencia MotoGP took out three other riders, thanked Suzuki for giving him the chance to compete in the most high-profile category.

"I am very sad to be leaving Suzuki after the two great years that I have had here," Bautista, 26, told the Suzuki team website.

"It has been a great team to work in and I have learnt a lot of things from everyone in the team."

"It was a fantastic experience working with an English-Japanese team and we have become like a big family, except we have never had any arguments and no-one falls out with each other.

"I want to thank everybody personally for the last two years, sometimes it has been difficult, but nobody ever gave up and I felt like I always had their full support and commitment."

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The gridiron program generates millions of dollars in revenue every year from gate receipts, sponsorships and television rights.

Paterno himself has supported a wide array of other, more academic interests on campus.

His players have high graduation rates and his teams have avoided brushes with the NCAA, the body that en-

forces the Byzantine rules meant to insure the big-money college teams are stocked only with amateur student-athletes.

"My goals now are to keep my commitments to my players and staff and finish the season with dignity and determination," Paterno said. "And then I will spend the rest of my life doing everything I can to help this university."

## NFL: Ravens' Lewis, Steelers' Clark fined for hits



Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers lays on the ground around teammates after being hit by Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis said Wednesday he was fined by the NFL for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Pittsburgh's Hines Ward in a game on Sunday.

Ward was dazed and had to be helped off the field after the hit in the second quarter of Baltimore's 23-20 victory.

Lewis, a 16-year veteran, was fined \$20,000.

He said he understands that the league is trying to protect players from head injuries, but added: "you can't

stop playing defense the way defense has always been created to play."

Pittsburgh's Ryan Clark was more angry about being fined \$40,000 for his hit on Baltimore's Ed Dickson in the game.

Clark was flagged 15 yards for unnecessary roughness after he leapt into Dickson moments after the ball glanced off Dickson's hands.

Clark said he tried to avoid hitting Dickson improperly and plans to appeal his fine.

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## Paterno to retire at season end following child sex abuse allegations



STATE COLLEGE (AFP) - Pennsylvania State University football coach Joe Paterno will retire at the end of the season, saying he regrets failing to do more in the face of child sex abuse allegations against a former assistant.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the embattled coach said he was "absolutely devastated" by developments in the case of Jerry Sandusky, a longtime assistant coach at Penn State who is charged with molesting eight boys between 1994 and 2009.

"This is a tragedy," said

Paterno, 84 and in his 46th year as head coach of the Nittany Lions.

"It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more."

Penn State is reeling over allegations targeting Sandusky, who allegedly attacked youths at his house, in the football team's locker room showers and on team road trips. Sandusky has said he is innocent.

Two school administrators -- senior vice president Gary Schultz and athletic director

Tim Curley -- stepped down over the weekend and have been charged with failing to notify authorities of suspected abuse and with perjury.

They too have denied wrong-doing.

Paterno was not a target of the grand jury investigation into the case and has not been implicated in any legal wrong-doing.

But he has been harshly criticized for failing to take more aggressive action when suspicions about Sandusky were brought to his attention in 2002.

At that time, a young assistant coach said he saw Sandusky raping a boy, who the witness thought was about 10 years old, in the Penn State team's showers.

He reported the incident to Paterno, who told a superior.

Paterno has noted that Sandusky had retired by then, although he still had an office on campus. And Paterno has said the witness did not tell him the graphic nature of the alleged assault.

Even so, his failure to fol-

low up further provoked outrage in some quarters and numerous calls for his resignation.

On Tuesday night, Penn State's board of trustees said it would appoint an independent committee to probe the circumstances that led to the indictments of Sandusky, Schultz and Curley.

"I have come to work every day for the last 61 years with one clear goal in mind: To serve the best interests of this university and the young men who have been entrusted to my care," Paterno said. "I

have the same goal today.

"That's why I have decided to announce my retirement effective at the end of this season. At this moment the Board of Trustees should not spend a single minute discussing my status.

"They have far more important matters to address. I want to make this as easy for them as I possibly can."

Paterno's Nittany Lions have won two national titles and just last month he became the winningest coach in Division I college football.

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